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For ASSAYING DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Message:

In reply to the action mailed 04/02/02, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add claim 46-48 as follows:

46. An assaying device as claimed in claim 45, the well/opening extending from said top into the cartridge/cassette means to surround an empty space for reception of the sample.

47. An assaying device as claimed in claim 46, the cartridge/cassette means further containing a test strip for the